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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of  
Joseph A. Zierolf

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For: Process and Assembly for Identifying and Tracking Assets

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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